(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) During the last three years i.e. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, twenty five (25) electronic exchanges have been set up in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) For the first four years of the Ninth Plan the target is for 28 exchanges. For the last year of the plan (2001-2002) the target will be 7.

(c) All necessary steps like procurement of land, construction of building, procurement of equipment and other stores are being done to achieve the targets.

Setting up of Exchanges

†2006. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target for setting up 1385 new exchanges (C-256 port) of low capacity during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details of the target set for Western and Eastern U.P. circles;

(c) the details of the comparative achievement of the targets; and

(d) the target set for 1999-2000 and the details of progress thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) For the year 1998-99, a target of 1385 new telephone exchanges was set up for the whole country. The target for UP(West) was 84 exchanges and for UP(East), was 201 exchanges.

(c) and (d) The details of the comparative achievement of target for the year 1998-99, the targets set for 1999-2000 and achievement made so far (upto 29.2.2000) are given in the enclosed statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Comparative Achievement of Targets during 1998-99, target set for 1999-2000 and Progress made so far

	1998-99		1999-2000	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement (1.4.1999 to 29.2.2000)
All India	1385	1450	2000	1080
UP (West)	84	77	100	41
UP (East)	201	202	327	116

Construction of a New Building at New Tehri by Deptt. of Communications

†2007. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tehri Nagar is likely to be submerged due to Tehri Dam (U.P.) and due to this fact Department of Communications has made a proposal for constructing a building on the land available at New Tehri;

(b) if so, by when this work is likely to be begin and completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. It is known through informal sources that Tehri Nagar comes under submerged zone due to construction of Tehri Dam, Department has already taken procautionary measures by constructing a Telephone Exchange building at New Tehri Town.

(b) The construction work of the telephone exchange building has already been completed in April 1999.

(c) Not applicable.

Revenue Loss to DoT

2008. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DoT has estimated a revenue loss of nearly Rupees 3000 crores during the current financial year;

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